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In re Application of

Seisaku Iwasa et al.

Serial No.: 09/911,621

Filed: July 25, 2001

For: A VERTICAL BAG FORM-FILL-SEAL
PACKAGING MACHINE

Patent Art Unit: 3728

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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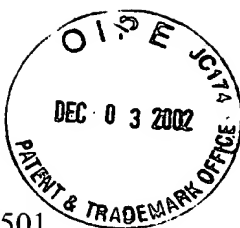
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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 14 with the following rewritten version:

-- The product discharged from the measuring unit 110 moves into a vertical bag form-fill-seal packaging machine 120 located under the measuring unit 110. The vertical bag form-fill-seal packaging machine 120 is a device for forming bags, and filling and packing a product in the bags simultaneously. The bags containing the product as a result of the packaging slide down the stationary chute 129 provided with the vertical bag form-fill-seal packaging machine 120, and are loaded onto the transfer conveyor 130. The transfer conveyor 130 transfers the bags continuously discharged there to a weight checker 140 in the downstream process. --.



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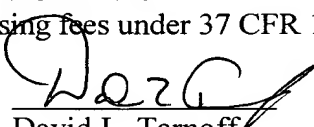
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